

## C. C. Considers An Embargo on Canadian Grain

**Western Shippers Ask Aid  
Against Traffic Conge-  
sion; I. C. C. Unlikely  
to Grant Their Request**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Demands for Western grain shipping interests supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation, for an embargo against Canadian grain shipments to the United States during the present congestion of traffic have been under consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is likely that a decision, or at least a response to the commission's own bill will be given by the commission soon. The I. C. C. is considered doubtful whether the steps required will be taken by the commission.

The difficulty of which the American grain producers and shippers have complained has arisen from the fact that immense quantities of Canadian grain have been put abroad on the Great Lakes, increasing congestion at Buffalo, where the water route terminates, and limiting the amount of grain available to be moved to the interior. At the latter port, the inability of Western shippers to get their grain moved through the Great Lakes and upon the Atlantic seaboard is declared to have resulted in a price discrimination against the interior grain. The commissioners declare that if the Canadian grain could be kept off the American railroads and away from the lake terminals on the American side to the American producer might be able to get all the advantage of the higher prices.

There is said to be some uncertainty, however, whether the Interstate Commission can legally embargo shipment of grain on the basis of the nationality of the growers, although the embargo could be used if applied without discrimination to shippers of a certain commodity or in a certain territory. The commission is also said to be giving considerable thought to the fact that Canadian railroads have now on American railroads a very large number of their men who are assisting to relieve the shortage of grain-carrying equipment complained of in many sections of the West.

## 8.0 of N. Y. Dividend

New Shares To Be Issued After

December 1

Directors of the Standard Oil Company of New York yesterday declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$4 a share payable December 15 to stockholders of record November 24. The dividend applies only to the present \$100 per share, as the stock dividend of \$20 per cent and reduction in the par value of the stock to \$25 are payable to stockholders of record on December 1.

Stockholders have approved the increase in the capital stock from \$75,000 to \$225,000,000, making the stock dividend possible, and the proposed reduction in the par of the stock from \$100. It was stated after yesterday's meeting that the new shares will be issued after December 1, as soon as the new certificates can be prepared and executed.

More than 87 per cent of the stockholders were present at yesterday's meeting either in person or by proxy, the largest representation of stock present at any meeting for a number of years.

Panhandle Producing Earnings

The report of the Panhandle Producing and Refining Company for the quarter ended September 30, 1922, showed net income of \$207,867 after expenses and taxes, but before sinking fund deduction and depletion. This compares with \$242,340 in the preceding quarter and \$255,583 in the third quarter of 1921. The surplus for the year, after deduction of \$60,204 for preferred dividends, amounted to \$147,554 as compared with a surplus of \$16,845 for the third quarter of the previous year.

Canadian Exchange—New funds in Canada, 10 per cent discount; Montreal funds in New York, 4 per cent premium

\*Nominal.

Miscellaneous Markets

Public Utilities Securities

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